

to his originality in striking out a new course and regaling us continually with not only occasional sentiments, but in many instances with whole pages of his own private feelings, his griefs and his loves. This certainly shows great delicacy on the author's part, and a pleasing confidence in him towards the public. We thus close our remarks upon a work, the like of which is not often to be met with, and which we do not doubt will long hold its place upon the shelves of the booksellers. [Boston Eve. Gazette.]

## THE POLYNESIAN.

Honolulu, Saturday, Dec. 4, 1841.

In relinquishing 'a paper like that which has fallen to our lot to conduct during the last eighteen months past, it may not be amiss to say a few parting words. Those who have interested themselves in its success, are well acquainted with the principles upon which we started it, and are fully competent to judge how far and with what success we have adhered to them. It has also been our endeavor to make the paper, one which while it should promote the general interests of those who reside at the Islands, should at the same time be an instrument of disseminating as much truth and information in regard to this part of the globe in which we reside, as could possibly be collected. Our exertions have been mostly confined to making it what its title indicates, a Polynesian paper; but with a success very disproportionate to our wishes. The many who have information to bestow, are not slow to give it, but from inexperience in writing, or want of time, have neglected to preserve much that would have proved valuable, and an honor to themselves. Still a very respectable amount of original information in regard to this and the neighboring groups will be found embodied in our pages,—and we flatter ourselves that our labors in this respect have not altogether been in vain.

We have given our own opinions upon the various topics which from time to time agitate this community as freely as we have wished others to give theirs. Our columns have at all times been free to all, and we know of but two instances in the course of our editorial labors, in which we have had occasion to refuse communications from any one; these only because they were too voluminous for our small sheet, and of little or no interest to its readers. Interference or a disposition to influence us, either in our views of propriety or principle, we have allowed from no one—while at the same time we have even been determined to maintain the liberty of the press—a spirit in which we have been fully sustained by the good sense of the community generally. There are individuals in all countries to whom such a course is particularly obnoxious, and who have every thing to fear from the truth being made public. We refer to acts of public character, or such as affect the general interests of the community. We have neither looked for or desired the good opinion or support to be derived from the suppression of truth, or painting it in colors not its own.

Perhaps it is bad policy to allude to our own faults, and they are indeed too numerous to mention. Small receipts have obliged us to economise both in type, paper and printing labor, so that our sheets have frequently presented but a sorry appearance. The typographical errors have been numerous, but from the manner in which the paper has been issued, mostly unavoidable. Still the kind wishes of our friends, and the wants of the community here, would have prolonged the existence of the Polynesian, could a printer have been secured after the expiration of the present year. In that case the editorial department would have passed into the hands of a gentleman well qualified to give

satisfaction, and add additional interest to its pages.

In conclusion, we have to express our thanks generally to those who have taken an interest in our undertaking, and more particularly to Messrs. Peirce & Brewer, Marshall & Johnson, Doctor Judd, of Honolulu, Doctor Baldwin, of Lahaina, and Mr Heath, of the Samoa Islands, for valuable articles furnished for our columns, and which are well worthy of a better means of preservation. We have also to acknowledge the frequent kindness of S. Reynolds, Esq., of this place, and Mr J. Vonphister, of Lahaina, in furnishing us with shipping intelligence.

The following Obituary was prepared some weeks since, but more lively matters have kept it on hand until the present time. However, better late than never. It is in at the death.

**SUDDEN DEATH OF Major Ursa.**—Few individuals have created a more general interest than one of the late passengers of the Ship Morea. His powers of attraction must have been unrivalled, to draw after him such crowds of visitors as were constantly to be seen paying their addresses to the stranger, and all entertaining but one opinion of his grace and affability. Yet even this popularity could not save his life. The motives that steered the hearts of the perpetrators of this cruel and bloody deed, this outrage upon hospitality, must be known only to themselves. He was found last Tuesday afternoon, lying on the ground, near his favorite residence, with several bullet holes in him, and his skull fractured. The valuable fur coat which he so constantly wore, notwithstanding the heat of the climate, had been rifled from him. From appearances it would seem that the fatal deed was not accomplished without a severe struggle. Reader, forbear your pity—it was only a Kamshatka bear, whose untameable ferocity rendered it prudent that he should be *steaked* out, which was done much to the satisfaction of those who were fortunate enough to bear off a slice.

From the Lady's Book.

**THE MISSIONARY'S WIFE.** There is something exceedingly interesting in a missionary's wife. A soldier's is more so, for she follows him to danger, and, perhaps to death; but glory waits him if he falls, and while she weeps she is proud. Before I went abroad the only missionary I ever knew I despised, for I believed him to be a canting hypocrite; but I saw much of them abroad, and made many warm friends among them; and I repeat it, there is something exceedingly interesting in a missionary's wife. She who had been cherished as a plant which the winds must not breathe on too rudely, recovers from the shock of a separation from her friends to find herself in a land of barbarians, where her loud cry of distress can never reach the ears of those she has left. New ties twine round her heart. The tender and helpless girl changes her very nature, and becomes the staff and support of the man. In his hours of despondency she raises his drooping spirits; she bathes his aching head; she smooths his pillow of sickness.

It is true, that the path of the missionary is not strewn with roses; but often, in leaving his house at night, and following my guide with a lantern through the narrow streets of a Turkish city, I have run over the troubles incident to every condition of life, not forgetting those of a traveller, and have taken to whistling, and, as I stumbled into the gate of an old convent, have murmured involuntarily, "after all, these missionaries are happy fellows."

**ANECDOTE OF LOUIS PHILIPPE.** May we be permitted here to relate a recent anecdote of his Majesty, at once extremely characteristic, and indicative of a superior mind? A

very distinguished English nobleman, Lord B—m, having had the honour of dining with the king in that unceremonious manner in which he delights to withdraw himself from the trammels of state, the conversation was carried on as if between equals and his Majesty, *inter alia*, remarked that he "was the only sovereign now in Europe fit to fill a throne." Lord B—m, somewhat staggered by this piece of egotism, muttered out some trite compliments upon the great talent for government which his royal entertainer had always displayed, &c. &c., when the King burst into a fit of laughter, and exclaimed,—"No, no, that is not what I mean; but kings are at such a discount in our days, there is no saying what may happen; and I am the only monarch who has cleaned his own boots, and could do it again!"

The New Orleans Crescent City has come out in new type. Mackintosh—the Sandwich Islander—has retired from it and got into the True American. By the way, do any of our readers remember the apostrophe to Mackintosh, after he left St. Louis, commencing:

"O-why-hee went, O-why-hee came," &c. &c. We should like to get a copy.—*N. York paper.*

### NOTICE.

**Six Copies only of complete sets of the Polynesian**, for the whole eighteen months past, including Vols. I and II, will be bound in one volume, and be ready for sale within a few days, at the store of Marshall & Johnson. Price, \$8 the set. Vol. I, by itself, of which only a few copies are left, can be had at the same place for \$5.

### MARINE NEWS.

### PORT OF HONOLULU.

#### ARRIVED.

Nov. 27, Am Ship Herald, Nye, New Bedford, 36 mos 1450 sp.  
28, Sch Paalua, Lahaina.

#### SAILED.

Nov. 27, U. S. Ship Vincennes, C. Wilkes, Esq., Commanding U. S. Exploring Squadron, Manila and Singapore,  
" U. S. Brig Porpoise, C. Ringgold, Lieut. Commander, do. do.  
" U. S. Brig Oregon, O. Carr, Lieut. Commander, do. do.  
" U. S. Sch Flying Fish, S. Knox, Commander, do. do.  
" Am Ship Daniel Webster, Plaskett, to cruise.  
" Am Ship Abigail, Cox, do.  
" Am Ship Herald, Nye, do.  
" Am Barque Reaper, Neal, do.  
30, Sch Paalua, Kauai.

### Advertisements.

#### For Mazatlan.

The Brig JOSEPH PEABODY, JOHN DOMINIS, master, will sail for the above port soon, provided a sufficient number of passengers can be engaged. Apply to  
PEIRCE & BREWER.

Nov. 20, 1841.

#### B. PITMAN & SON,

Have just received, and offer for sale,  
15,000 Spanish Cigars,  
5,000 Nos. 4 & 5 Manila Cigars,  
25 Doz. Elliott's London Porter and Ale.  
25 " Port Wine.  
100 Boxes No. 1 Soap.

#### — ALSO —

200 Ohia Rafters,  
40 M. Koa Shingles.  
Nov. 13. tf.

### HARD WARE.

Brass Kettles, Files, Hatchets, Adzes, Axes, Ship and Broad Axes, German Sil-

ver, Britannia and Iron Tea and Table Spoons, Soup Ladles, Cork Screws, Pen and Pocket Knives, Razors, Scissors, Shears, Knives and Forks, Ivory Handled ditto, in sets of 51 pieces, Sewing and Sail Needles, Mill, Pit, Cross-Cut, Hand, Pannel, Back and Key Hole Saws, Wood Saws in frames, Steelyards, Patent Balances, Coffee Mills, Fry, and Sauce Pans, Elastic Slates, Toilette, Satira and Fancy Looking Glasses, Thermometers, Silver and German Silver Pencil Cases, Trowels, Ship Scrapers, Chest, Draw and Door Locks, Paint, Floor, and Whitewash Brushes, Hooks and Eyes, Gimblets, Bitts and Braces, Patent and Common Augurs, Paste Blacking, Shaving Soap, Glue Pots, Tinned Tea Kettles, Copper Pumps, Shovels, Spades, Bench Planes, Plows and Moulding Tools, Butts, Hinges, Screws, Brads and Tacks, Blind and Sash Fastenings, &c. &c. For sale by

LADD & CO.

August 28, 1841.

### NEW STORE.

#### JOHN G. MUNN

Would inform his friends and the public that he has taken the Stone Store lately erected by H. Paty & Co. (near the Catholic Church) where he offers for sale an assortment of Goods suitable for this market, consisting in part of the following:

Light Shawls, Silk, Pongee, Linen and Cotton Hdkts. Blue Nankins, Printed Fancy Aprons, Blue Cottons, Light, Striped, Marcellines and Check Silk Vests, Linen Drill, Nankin, and Duck Pants; Goats Hair Camblet Cloaks, Cambleteens, Gros de Naples, Grass Cloth and Brown Linen Coats and Jackets, Check Cravats, Table Cloths, Irish Linen, Mousline de Laine, White Linen and Cotton Thread, Black and White Stay Lacing Prints and Stripes, Webb Braces, Fancy Shirts, Red Flannel do. Monkey Jackets, Beaver, Imitation do. Brush, Plain Drab, Willow and Sinit Hats; Navy Cloth, Flat Top, Leather, and Fancy Childrens Caps.

#### — ALSO —

Steelyards, Spring Balances, do. with Scales, Spoke Shaves, Cut Tacks, Shingling Hatchets, Table and Basting Spoons, Britannia Ladles, Cork Screws Files, Shoe Knives, Knives and Forks, Butcher's Steels, Slates, and a variety of other articles too numerous to particularize. CROCKERY & GLASS WARE, assorted.

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### Rooms to Let.

A PARLOR and BED ROOM adjoining, suitable for a Gentleman and Lady, or single gentlemen. Apply to

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### WANTED.

A JOURNEYMAN PRINTER.—Inquire at this office.

Oct. 16.

### FRESH CORN MEAL.

By the Barrel, or less quantity, constantly on hand and for sale by

E. & H. GRIMES.

Jan. 18.

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### PEIRCE & BREWER.

Offer for sale on reasonable terms, the cargoes of the ship Wm. Gray from Boston, and Joseph Peabody from China, consisting of a large assortment of American, English and China Goods.

WANTED—Bills of Exchange on England or the United States.

Honolulu, Nov. 20, 1841.